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Page 2, after formula (I), replace lines 7-26 with the following paragraphs:

--in which

A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, which may be identical or different, are selected from the group which consists of hydrogen, metals of main groups I, II and III of the periodic system, such as Na, K, Ca, Mg, Al as well as substituted and unsubstituted ammonium and ammonium compounds derived from ethylenediamine or amino acids,

X is absent or is selected from the group which consists of alkylene with up to 9 carbon atoms, alkenylene with up to 9 carbon atoms, hydroxyalkylene with up to 9 carbon atoms and amidino,

R_1 is selected from the group which consists of H, OH, NH_2, $-CH_3$,

R_2 is selected from the group which consists of H, OH, $-NH_2$, substituted and unsubstituted acyl, substituted and unsubstituted alkyl, substituted and unsubstituted aryl, substituted and unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted and unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted and unsubstituted heterocyclic residue and the pharmaceutically compatible salts, amides, esters and salts of the esters or compounds which, on administration, form the

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compounds to be administered as metabolites or breakdown

products,--

Page 3, replace lines 8-14 with the following paragraphs:

--Preferably suitable substances of the formula (I) are those in

which

A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, which may be identical or different, are selected

from the group which consists of hydrogen, metals of main groups

I, II and III of the periodic system, such as Na, K, Ca, Mg, Al,

substituted and unsubstituted ammonium and ammonium compounds

derived from ethylenediamine or amino acids,

X is absent or is selected from the group which consists of

alkyl, $(CH_2)_{1-6}$, in particular $(CH_2)_{1-5}$, and amidino,--

A marked-up version of the prior pending paragraphs showing

the changes made is attached as Exhibit A.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11 and replace them with new claims

12-21 as follows: